

**WHEREAS**, the City of Alexandria is dedicated to the positive development of its children and youth; and

**WHEREAS**, adolescent pregnancy continues to be a serious and complex national and local issue that impacts the social, economic, health and developmental outcomes for youth; and

**WHEREAS**, Alexandria has one of the highest teenage pregnancy rates in Northern Virginia; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1991, Alexandria established the Interagency Consortium on Adolescent Pregnancy (ICAP), a consortium of public and private youth-serving agencies, committed to reducing adolescent pregnancy and promoting services to adolescent parents; and, in 2001, was successful in securing a grant from Virginia Hospital and Healthcare Association, in partnership with Inova Health Systems, to assist with the costs of its media campaign; and

**WHEREAS**, in January 1999, Mayor Kerry J. Donley formed the Mayor's Blue Ribbon Task Force on Reducing Teen Pregnancy to work in conjunction with ICAP to address this critical issue, and to focus specifically on developing a public awareness campaign aimed at reducing adolescent pregnancy; and

**WHEREAS**, in November 2000, the Task Force and ICAP merged and established the Alexandria Campaign on Adolescent Pregnancy (ACAP) to focus community-wide efforts on the goal of reducing Alexandria's teen pregnancy rate by 25 percent by 2005, through public awareness and education, and direct service programming; and

**WHEREAS**, in the fall of 2002, ACAP unveiled its first issue of Get Real magazine, a magazine produced for and by Alexandria youth and, in May 2003, will release the second issue of the magazine; and ACAP will again sponsor various sports clinics, in partnership with Alexandria Parks and Recreation Department, to encourage children and adolescents to stay involved in sports, a factor that has been shown to reduce teen pregnancy rates, in conjunction with a year-long public awareness campaign that includes advertising on local cable television channels, advertising on DASH buses, posters, print ads in Spanish and English, educational brochures for parents and adolescents, and special events for youth to get out the message that adolescent pregnancy is not an acceptable choice in our community; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Alexandria remains committed to reducing the rate and incidence of adolescent pregnancy; and

**WHEREAS**, May is National Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, KERRY J. DONLEY**, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2003, as:

**"TEEN PREGNANCY PREVENTION MONTH"**

in Alexandria, and I call upon our citizens to observe this month by supporting activities that focus on enhancing our efforts to reduce adolescent pregnancy.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May 2003.

**KERRY J. DONLEY** **MAYOR**  
On behalf of the City Council  
of Alexandria, Virginia

ATTEST:

Beverly I. Jett, CMC City Clerk